

## MANSFIELDIAN January 2010

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These things and much more are the driving force behind the launch of the new MU alumni and friends online community at [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu).

"This is a dynamic way for alumni and friends to stay connected, or in some cases re-connect, with Mansfield," MU President Maravene Loeschke said of the project. "It helps us keep the MU family together."

Users will find that the functionality of the site is similar to Facebook – a popular social networking site that many younger alumni use to communicate.

"Our new online community embraces the needs and demands of the 21st century," said John Quashnoc '70, president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. "I'm amazed at how many people are using this technology to stay connected."

The MU alumni and friends online community provides numerous features, including:

- A special "Facebook-connect" option that enables a single sign-on from your facebook account to the community
- Fully customizable profile pages that feature profile picture, friends lists and more
- A secure, searchable alumni and friends directory
- The capability to register and pay for events online
- A photo gallery featuring photos from campus and regional events
- The option to post and view class notes, create blogs, and join in discussions on message boards
- An overall user-friendly hub to connect you with campus, community and alumni information



"We are pleased to present the new online community to our alumni and friends," said Denise Berg, Director of Alumni Relations. "While much of the content on our updated website is viewable to anyone, secure areas of the community are accessible only to registered members." Berg added, "In addition to extending membership to our alumni, we are inviting current and retired faculty and staff to be part of our community, as well."

Quashnoc credited Berg and Tracey Dukert, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, for their leadership in making the new online community a reality. He urges his fellow alumni, "to sign up and become engaged. No matter where you are in the world, you are just a click away from connecting with more than 24,000 MU alumni!"

To join the new MU online community: visit [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu). Click on "first time login." Enter your last name, select your record from the list and enter your constituent ID number available in the address section of the mailing label on this issue of the Mansfieldian, or can be requested from the MU alumni office by emailing [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu). Please include your full name and class year in the email to assist the Alumni Office in providing you with a timely response.



## LUISA LUCERO; THE WORLD AS HER CLASSROOM

It was an afterthought, Luisa Lucero admits. "I was applying to study a semester in Ireland and would save on application fees if I also applied then to study in British Columbia." In January 2008 she had just started a course in Canadian Studies and her professor, Hans Carlson, told her about the Killam Fellowship, a scholarship program which enables undergraduate students to participate in a bi-national residential exchange program between Canada and the U.S. In two days she wrote the essay, filled out the form, and collected the necessary letters of recommendation. Then she went back to her studies.

Later that semester she found out she was accepted to go to Ireland in the fall and had been awarded a Killam Fellowship for the spring. She was excited . . . and overwhelmed. "Sometimes I do things spur of the moment and later get scared, but it always turns out well," Lucero laughs.



Lucero is the first Mansfield student to receive a Killam Fellowship. This prestigious award is part of the Canada-US Fulbright Program Foundation for Educational Exchange. According to Dr. Robert Timko, Director of the Canadian Studies program at Mansfield, "the competition is rigorous and designed to attract exceptional undergraduate students in the U.S. and Canada to foster mutual understanding between the countries."

The program is supported by the U.S. Department of State and Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In the past five years there have been 83 Killam Fellows representing 21 universities. Seventeen awards were given to American students this year, and fellows came from such universities as Clemson, American, Smith, Washington, Ithaca College, Bridgewater State, and Oregon State.

"We're proud to have students such as Luisa represent us in the international arena," Timko says. "Personally, I can think of no one who would be a better recipient of a Killam Fellowship. Luisa brings new perspectives to the classroom. She's an adventurous and articulate young woman, whose respect for cultural diversity, commitment to tasks, and acute sense of civic duty set her apart."

According to Dr. Michael Hawes, executive director of the Killam Fellowships Program, "It is a signal honor, and a testament to both Luisa's capabilities and the excellent education she receives at Mansfield."

### *There's No Vaccine for the Travel Bug*

Lucero's sisters studied abroad, so she always figured she would too. But it wasn't until she spent two summers working in the Grand Teton National Park at Jackson Lake Lodge that Lucero felt the thrill of traveling on her own. She likes new places. She's able to discover more about herself because no one has pre-conceptions about who she is.

A senior with a double major in political science and philosophy, Lucero delayed graduation to take advantage of the study abroad program. In the summer of 2008 she interned in Ottawa for the Honorable Dr. Heddy Fry, a member of the Canadian parliament representing Vancouver Center. She fell in love with Canada, and even wrote a piece of legislation on cyber bullying (using the internet for any form of intimidation), which was added to the criminal code of Canada.

But Lucero says her trip to Ireland the next fall was the first big stepping stone on her path of self-discovery. When she landed at Heathrow Airport in London she was terrified and exhausted. She couldn't call home because her cell phone wouldn't work internationally. Then a British voice started making announcements about flights. "I don't know why, but somehow when I heard that accent I knew I was doing the right thing. I got excited."

In Londonderry (or Derry, depending on whether you are Catholic or Protestant), she studied Irish politics and heritage at the University of Ulster's Maggee campus. She stayed in a dorm, sharing a kitchen and living space with Irish students and one other American.

It struck her how homogenous Ireland was, even more so than Mansfield. Nevertheless, there are still tensions about religion and nationalism. Once she and a friend went to watch a protest in Northern Ireland. There was a parade honoring British soldiers returning from the Middle East. The Sinn Fein, a more peaceful branch of the IRA, had organized a counter-march. SWAT cars were brought for a barrier. "It was pretty high adrenaline," Lucero says it was worth it to see people standing up for what they believe in.

### *Don't Bother Unpacking*

Lucero spent the seven days she was home over Christmas break applying for graduate schools. She was tired, still missing the close friends she'd made in Ireland, and wanting to spend more

time with her friends in Mansfield. She wasn't sure she wanted to rush off to Canada for spring semester.

"It's always reasonable to be afraid and not want to try something new," Lucero states, "but leaving is a big way to find out who you are." At Kamloops, British Columbia, she studied Canadian economics, racial and ethnic studies, human intervention—a Canadian perspective, and Canadian public policy at Thompson River University. There she wrote a paper on the misconceptions of Islam, partly inspired by a new friendship with a Muslim.

Though Canadians love President Obama, they still have lots of negative views toward American policies and government. "When your country is constantly being critiqued in class, it can be exhausting," Lucero remembers. "But I gained such a wider perspective of my country and how others see us. It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. I think if everyone studied abroad there would be world peace."

#### *From the Mansfield Mounties to the Canadian Mounties*

But Lucero's adventures in Canada had just begun. In Fall 2009 she started graduate school at the University of Guelph in Ontario studying International Political Science. She has a scholarship and an assistantship, which means she helps teach Canadian Politics to Canadian undergraduates. She enjoys it so much that she's already considering earning her doctorate in international trade so she can teach. Her thesis will focus on the impact of globalization on the working class within industrialized countries. "I want to use what I learn to give back in some way. I'd like charity work to be a part of what I do," Lucero explains.



A perfectionist who graduated in May 2009 with a 3.9 in her political science major and a 3.8 in her philosophy major, Lucero says she would recommend studying abroad partly for how it taught her to relax and learn by experience, not just from books and lectures. "The biggest personal lesson I learned was that sometimes you won't be amazing. But as long as you're trying to do your best, it's ok if you're not always *the* best." She pauses and smiles. "Life's not all about extremes."

Lucero grew up in Elmira and graduated from Notre Dame High School, after which her parents moved to Mansfield. Her parents teach in the education department, which her father chairs. While at MU, she lived in the dorms or in town with her sisters. She worked two jobs while taking classes. Her years as a resident assistant in Cedar Crest taught her "lessons in diplomacy," she says.

Active in a number of campus organizations and events, most notably as president of the Student Alumni Ambassadors and president of the Kayaking Club, Lucero was also a member of the Political Science Club. She praises the great support system she has at Mansfield, especially Timko, who helped her with applications and letters of recommendation.

Lucero describes a special night in Kamloops, sitting in a hot tub with other exchange students from the Netherlands, Finland, and Guatemala. "We were all thinking of home, and saying how we could never do this if it weren't for our great friends, and families, and professors encouraging us."

"You can't really appreciate the United States if you've never left," Lucero believes. And though it can be "hard to come home to who they thought I was," she knows that she also never really appreciated home till she left. She'll be attending graduate school in another country, but it's only five and a half hours north and she can get back for holidays. So she'll be in close touch—especially if she can get the cell phone issues figured out.

## Homecoming 2009

Alumni, family and friends returned to Mansfield University to celebrate Homecoming 2009 on October 9-11. This year's theme was "Anchors Aweigh!" in honor of the Mountaineers taking on the U.S. Naval Academy for the first time ever in football.



Amanda Falzone was named Homecoming Queen and Harry Sheehe was named Homecoming King. The royal couple was crowned during halftime ceremonies of the sprint football game against Navy.

Falzone is a senior psychology major from Rochester, NY. She represented the Panhellenic Council in the campus wide voting. Falzone was escorted by Dave Slinger.

Sheehe is a junior mathematics major from Troy, PA. He represented the Inter-Fraternity Council. Sheehe was escorted by Megan Smickley.

Earlier in the day, the annual Homecoming parade made its way up Main Street to the delight of a big crowd lining both sides of the street.

Friday night, the MU Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed four new members during inductions ceremonies at Manser Hall. James Klinger '71, Kelly Morris Shannon '00, Steve

Shannon '00 and Jerry Waldron '91 were enshrined.

Steve and Kelly Morris Shannon are the first husband and wife inducted into the MU Hall of Fame in the same class.

For more information on the inductees, check online at [gomounties.com](http://gomounties.com)

The weekend also included a golf tournament, won by the team of Greg Robertson '98, Tim Watkins '98, Steve Nusbaum '97 and Dana Harrold '97.

There was also an alumni tent party, a pep rally, three concerts and many other activities.

To see a photo montage of Homecoming 2009, check online at [youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity](http://youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity)

Make your plans now to return to MU for Homecoming 2010, October 8-10.



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Reunion events include Music Department concerts, choral rehearsals, a reception and banquet, and the Gala Reunion Concert. This special concert will be composed of the current MU Concert Choir and the Reunion Choir performing "An American Choral Portrait," featuring music by American composers.

Between 65 and 90 alumni singers attended reunions held in 1995, 2000 and 2005, getting reacquainted, reminiscing and making music together. This next reunion should bring back even more alumni to recreate that special Concert Choir camaraderie.

For information, contact MU Director of Choral Activities Peggy Dettwiler at (570)662-4721, [pdettwil@mansfield.edu](mailto:pdettwil@mansfield.edu), or visit her web site at [peggydettwiler.com](http://peggydettwiler.com).

To make sure that your contact information is up-to-date, go to [peggydettwiler.com/concert-choir-reunion-2010/update-your-information](http://peggydettwiler.com/concert-choir-reunion-2010/update-your-information).



## MU Career Center Provides Life-time Services to Alumni



The connection with your alma mater lasts a lifetime. So should your connection with the MU Career Center, which helps alumni with career planning needs – especially in these tough economic times. Our services include assistance in creating and re-tooling effective resumes and cover letters, job search and interview techniques, individualized career coaching, and various on-campus events and job fairs. All services are free!

The Career Center is located in Alumni Hall. Call us at (570)662-4133 to schedule an on-campus appointment. You can also schedule a telephone appointment with a staff member or e-mail us at [nhall@mansfield.edu](mailto:nhall@mansfield.edu).

Our mission: to provide students and alumni the best possible career development opportunities to prepare for effective, successful, and satisfying life-work.  
[career.mansfield.edu](http://career.mansfield.edu)

## ALUMNI ON CAMPUS

In September alumni gathered on campus for a special recital in memory of Jack Wilcox '47. The event was a fundraiser to establish a music scholarship in memory of Professor Wilcox. Featured baritone Thomas Jones '77 '81M was accompanied by Charles Masters '02.

In October former FBI Supervisory Special Agent Ali Soufan '94 spoke to MU students and community members on Our National Security and the Evolving Threat of Terrorism. [soufangroup.com](http://soufangroup.com).



Vegan expert and author Linda Etter Long '65 was also on campus to share information with students, faculty, staff and alumni about the benefits of veganism and her new award-winning cookbook, *Great Chefs Cook Vegan*. [lindalong.com](http://lindalong.com).

MU alumni and friends returned to campus to celebrate Homecoming. This year's festivities took place on October 10 - 11. Special thanks to Kathy Shufelt Zarzycki '84 for organizing the volleyball reunion, to Alyssa Klementisz Guers '00 for coordinating the Alpha Sigma Alpha get-together and to Sean Goodrum '98 for

planning and hosting the Lambda Chi Alpha reunion. For more on Homecoming 2009 check out the YouTube videos accessible from MU's homepage [mansfield.edu](http://mansfield.edu) and the photo gallery on the alumni website.

Alumni were on campus this fall recruiting MU students for internships and positions at their respective companies: Joline Spencer '08 of Abraxas, Pete Wenzel '01 and Jerry Moody '03 of State Farm and Scott Erickson '07 of Defense Contract Audit Agency. If you are interested in learning how your company could benefit by providing internships and job opportunities to MU students, contact the [MU Career Center](#) at 570-662-4133 or [nhall@mansfield.edu](mailto:nhall@mansfield.edu).





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The ceremony was held in Butler Music Center on October 22.

A longtime benefactor of Mansfield, Hyde-Smith is a 1956 graduate who serves on the Mansfield University Foundation Board of Directors. She is a former member of the Council of Trustees and the Alumni Association Board of Directors. John Hyde was a 1947 graduate. After his passing, she married Al Smith, a member of the Class of 1949.

Pointing out that Marcella and Al have also endowed a scholarship fund, MU President Maravene Loeschke told the students gathered that, "Both of these individuals do nothing but give and give and give because they love you, they respect you and they are proud of who you are."

Tyler Wetherbee, a music major from Wellsboro, PA performed the last movement of Beethoven's Appassionata Sonata (Op. 57) on the new Steinway.

Hanako Henty, a music major from Towanda, PA, read her essay on what the piano means to her as part of the ceremony.

The donation is part of Mansfield's initiative to become an "All-Steinway School," which calls for Mansfield to be equipped with more than 70 Steinway or Steinway-made pianos maintained by a full-time technician, certified by Steinway and Sons.



## GET CONNECTED WITH MU's FUTURE

In an effort to provide a unique experience for Mansfield University alumni and potential MU students, Alumni Relations and Admissions invite you to participate in the 2010 regional admissions receptions. As a participant, you would join Admissions Office representatives at a reception in your geographical area to provide potential students and their families with insight and a unique outlook on the real MU experience. Receptions are scheduled to be held at the following locations in Pennsylvania from 6 – 8 p.m.

January 26-Lewisburg  
January 28-Sayre  
February 3-Lancaster  
February 4-Harrisburg  
February 10-King of Prussia  
February 11-Bethlehem  
February 18-Scranton  
February 23-Mansfield  
February 25-Williamsport  
March 23-Philadelphia

Please sign up early, as only three alumni can participate in each reception and registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact the MU Alumni Relations Office at [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu) or 888-305-6505. We'll mail you an informational packet prior to the reception.

There are other ways you can get connected with your alma mater as a volunteer:

- Present an MU scholarship certificate to a senior at your local high school.
- Write postcards to incoming students congratulating them on their acceptance.
- Send the Admissions office the names of current high school juniors and seniors who would make good students at MU.
- Come back to campus and speak to a group of students on a topic of interest, which could include your profession, accomplishments and experiences at MU.

These volunteer programs need alumni participation to be successful, so get connected today and become a part of Mansfield University's future! Contact Tracey Dukert, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, by emailing [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu) or call 888-305-6505 to learn more about volunteering for your alma mater.

## MU MOURNS THE PASSING OF MIKE VAYANSKY

The Mansfield University community mourned the passing of Associate Professor Mike Vayansky, who died suddenly on September 16, 2009.



The senior member of the faculty, Vayansky taught Chemistry and Physics for 43 years at Mansfield. He was best known as the director of the MU Planetarium.

"Whenever anyone inquired about his retirement plans, Mike would usually respond that he intended to teach another 40 years," Provost Peter Keller said. "In addition to the courses he taught in physics and astronomy, many children and adults across the region recall his presentations to community and school groups in our planetarium."

Memorial donations in Vayansky's honor can be made to the MU Planetarium Fund, Mansfield University Foundation, 6 Beecher St., Mansfield, PA 16933. He will be honored with a plaque in the Planetarium.

## NEW INTERNATIONAL WALKWAY DEDICATED

The new Mansfield University International Walkway was dedicated on October 26 with a ceremony on the walkway, which runs along the west side of Grant Science Center.

International students, financial supporters of the initiative, University officials and members of the campus community were on hand for the event.

MU President Maravene Loeschke said the project is a way to honor our international students and to beautify the campus. "This walkway, now known as the International Walkway, is much more beautiful because of these flags," she said. "It also reminds us that the world is very large and very diverse."

Anosike, a sophomore from Nigeria, thanked everyone involved for their support in making Mansfield "a home away from home for international students."

Seeing his country's flag flying as he walks to class, Anosike said, "makes me want to work harder and become the best I possibly can be."



Nine flags, representing some of the 19 countries that current Mansfield students come from, are now in place. Plans call for more flag poles to be erected for a flag from each country represented in MU's student population.

Each flag pole comes from a \$5,000 donation, half of which funds the pole's purchase and installation. The other half goes toward scholarships.



## FROM THE EDITOR



The Mansfieldian has a new look. Special thanks to designer Sheran Lawton and the Alumni Association Communications Committee for their guidance in making this effort a reality.

To serve you more efficiently, we're launching the redesigned Mansfieldian to coincide with the new MU alumni online community at [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu).

While continuing to publish the print version the Mansfieldian, we'll also be developing the online community to tell more in-depth stories, post more photos, audio and video.

We realize that some of our alumni don't have access to computers or just may wish to continue receiving the print version of the Mansfieldian. If this applies to you, you need to do nothing except keep your address updated.

We also want to "go green" and not print any more than we have to. If you NO LONGER wish to receive the Mansfieldian in the mail, let us know by email at [mansfieldian@mansfield.edu](mailto:mansfieldian@mansfield.edu) or drop a note to me at North Hall 521, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA 16933.

Terry Day, Editor

## Regional Alumni Get-Togethers

We are grateful for the help of our alumni in coordinating and hosting regional and affinity gatherings.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), organized by Carrie Kocher Oakley '95 and Wes Oakley '95, gathered at Hills Creek State Park near Wellsboro, PA in July.

In August, Rod '88 and Donna Pursell hosted an annual get-together for former MU football players and friends at their home near Allentown.



Mere in August.

Marjorie Cole Lee '44 and Ken Lee '48 organized the annual Mansfield Day in Eagles

Save the Date for these upcoming events

- Sarasota, FL: Saturday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m. Contact Donna Congdon Mokrzynski '55 (941-377-5270) or Don Stanton '53 (941-907-2960), or the Alumni Office 888-305-6505 [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu). Reservations required.
- Alumni Weekend: June 11 & 12, 2010. Plans are underway! This year's special guests include Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority celebrating their 40th Anniversary and the Class of 1960 celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

Check the [alumni website](#) for updates and additional information.



### From Your Alumni Director

With this edition of the Mansfieldian, you'll notice changes - some welcome (full color) and, at first glance, some not-so-welcome (reduced content). Please know that as we continue to feel the impact of reduced budgets, we will seek cost-conscious and environmentally-mindful ways to keep MU alumni and friends informed, in touch and involved.

A major part of our transition includes a new website – [MU Alumni and Friends On-Line Community](#).

We've added lots of new information and are including links to other areas of the MU website. While most of the site content is viewable by anyone, some areas of the community are accessible only to registered members. As a registered member, you determine the elements of your profile information that's visible to other members.

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We'll also keep you informed about Mansfield happenings with regular e-newsletters – so be sure we have your current email address!

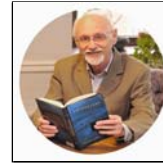
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### STUART WEISS '80 TO SPEAK AT COMMENCEMENT

Stuart Weiss, president and owner of Studio City and a 1980 Mansfield graduate, will be the speaker at Mansfield University's 145th Commencement on Saturday, May 8 at 11 a.m. at Karl Van Norman Field.



### ALUMNI WORK GIVES CUBANS HOPE

Mansfield University Trustee Dr. Robert Strohecker '91 and three alumni recently traveled to Cuba to lend a hand at the Cuban Christian Ministries compound. The February trip was coordinated by the Reigles Bible Fellowship based in Millersburg, PA.

### NEW RESIDENCE HALL TO BE BUILT

Plans have been announced for the construction of a new residence hall on campus. The Mansfield Auxiliary Corporation, a 501(c)3 limited liability corporation, is leading the project in cooperation with the University. This is the first phase of what is planned to be a three phase project to replace all residence halls on campus.



### ALUMNI WEEKEND 2010 OVERVIEW AND REGISTRATION

Check out the schedule of events for Alumni Weekend 2010 and register online!

### ALUMNI CONNECT WITH FUTURE STUDENTS AT ADMISSIONS RECEPTIONS

Mansfield University alumni joined admissions staff at numerous college receptions throughout Pennsylvania to help recruit quality students to Mansfield.

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It was Koloski and a handful of other scholars around the country who rescued Chopin from obscurity. Koloski did his PhD dissertation on the writer, best known for her novel *The Awakening*. In subsequent years, he's published five books about Chopin. Today she is taught in nearly every college in the country.

Koloski's latest book, published by LSU Press in December 2009, brings together 12 prominent Chopin scholars who reflect on their parts in the Kate Chopin revival and its impact on their careers. They also reassess Chopin's work and its relevance in today's culture.

[More.com](#), a website and magazine "Celebrating women 40+" underscored Chopin's importance when it posted a list of the Top 100 Books Every Woman Should Read. Chopin's *The Awakening* is #1. Koloski was a Fulbright Scholar who taught in Poland from 1981-84 as Lech Walesa's Solidarity Movement was gaining momentum.

Public Relations Director Dennis Miller interviewed Koloski in a two-part podcast which can be found at [podcast.mansfield.edu](#). You can also read an appreciation of the retired professor on the Mansfield University Blog at [mublog.mansfield.edu](#) under the March 12 posting.

Koloski also oversees the Kate Chopin Website which attracts hundreds of visits a day from more than 100 countries around the world.

The url is [katechopin.org/](http://katechopin.org/)

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"For me this has been so powerful in the dramatic change and the sort of urbaneness that this institution has that it didn't have 50 years ago," Lawrence said. "I'm really impressed with the kind of standards this department has. The expectations and the nurturing they have for students. It's an amazing phenomenon."

Lawrence graduated from the then Mansfield State College in 1963. He spent 21 years on the music faculty at Towson University in Maryland, serving as director of Choral Activities and eventually chairing the music department before retiring to enter the business world as a vice-president for McGraw-Hill Publishing.

"Coming from another state university, a much larger university, I see a lot happening here for students," Lawrence said. "This faculty is so committed to these students that I can see why so many kids succeed here. And these students are so unique and so amazing."



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"Stu Weiss is a pioneer and leader in his field," MU President Maravene Loeschke said in making the announcement. "His story of vision, perseverance and success is the kind that we want our graduates to hear. Stu is a great supporter of Mansfield and we are honored to have him speak at Commencement."

Weiss began his media career before arriving at Mansfield, working at WBRX (now WBFS) radio in Berwick, PA at the age of 17. By the time he was 23, he had worked at six radio stations in Pennsylvania and New York, became a weekend weatherman and began his career in television marketing.

Within four years of graduation, Weiss was hired by FOX in Los Angeles as their local news promotion manager.

Two years later, NBC hired Weiss and soon after he was named vice president for creative services. He was in charge of marketing the network's movies, mini-series, specials, Saturday morning and late night programming.

In 1995, Weiss left NBC to form Studio City, the largest and most honored media marketing agency in the country. Last August, Studio City won the very first national Emmy Award for on-air promotion.

In his 15 years as the owner of Studio City, Weiss' company has worked for every major Hollywood Studio and television network.

In 1991, Weiss received the Outstanding Young Alumni award from the MU Alumni Association.



## ALUMNI WORK GIVES CUBANS HOPE

Mansfield University Trustee Dr. Robert Strohecker '91 and three alumni recently traveled to Cuba to lend a hand at the Cuban Christian Ministries compound. The February trip was coordinated by the Reigles Bible Fellowship based in Millersburg, PA.

"Our basic goal was to provide outreach to local people and bring together churches of all denominations and problem solve together," said Strohecker, owner of Strohecker Vision Care in Mansfield.

Everyone helped clear land, attended meetings and participated in planning sessions.



Stohecker explained that while there are Catholic and Russian Orthodox churches in the city, the rest of the churches are small, located in private houses and garages. "We did have one service that drew over 400 people from various denominations," he said. They also met with pastors and church leaders to explore different ways they could help. "They need reference materials as well as small things like toner for copiers, paper and that sort of thing. " He said a few churches have access to the Internet but they're almost all underground.

"Cuba is slowly opening up. I think we'll see the walls come down in the near future," Strohecker said. One positive sign was a hotel bearing the flags of a variety of international countries. "The United States was one of them," he pointed out.

Of all the activities the group participated in, the primary goal was to work directly with the people. "We can work on clearing land for gardens and help with buildings and irrigation systems but the biggest thing we give them is hope," he concluded. "That really is the greatest gift."

## NEW RESIDENCE HALL TO BE BUILT

Plans have been announced for the construction of a new residence hall on campus. The Mansfield Auxiliary Corporation, a 501(c)3 limited liability corporation, is leading the project in cooperation with the University. This is the first phase of what is planned to be a three phase project to replace all residence halls on campus.

The first new building will be constructed off Morris Drive, in space currently occupied by tennis courts and a parking lot, at the south end of campus.

Details are still being finalized but construction is expected to start in July.

For more information and an animated artist's rendering of the project, check online at [mansfield.edu](http://mansfield.edu)



## Alumni Weekend 2010 Overview

### Special Events

Bicycle scenic Pine Creek Trail in the beautiful Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. Contact: John, Pine Creek Outfitters, 570-724-3003 for reservations (mention MU Alumni Weekend 2010). Cost \$30. [pinecrk.com](http://pinecrk.com).  
Got to [visittiogapa.com](http://visittiogapa.com) and [mansfield.org](http://mansfield.org) for more to see and do in Tioga County, PA.

### Schedule of Events

#### Thursday, June 10

Early Arrival Registration (3-8 p.m., Laurel B)

#### Friday, June 11

Registration (8 a.m.-10 p.m., Laurel)

North Hall open. Hosted tours (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Campus Bookstore open (8 a.m.-4 p.m., Alumni Hall Student Center)

Golf Tournament, Corey Creek Golf Club, (8 a.m., 8:30 shotgun start)

Food Court open for lunch (11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Lower Manser)

"MU Online Community" hands-on session (10 a.m. & 2 p.m., 103 Memorial Hall)

Campus Guided Bus Tour (2:30 & 3:30 p.m.)

LobsterFest (6:30 p.m., Alumni Hall)

Sadie Green Sales. Uniquely entertaining (8:30 p.m., 307 Alumni Hall)

Greek Mixer (8:30 p.m., Chango's Cantina, Mansfield)

#### Saturday, June 12

Campus Bookstore open (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Registration & Class Reception (9-10 a.m., North Hall) (All classes, except 1960)

Class Meetings & Class Photos (10-11:30 a.m., North Hall)

Class of 1960 and guests (Mansfield Fire Hall)

Registration & Class Reception (9-9:30 a.m.)

1960 Class Meeting & photo (9:30-11:30 a.m.)

Alumni Reunion Luncheon (noon-2:15 p.m.)

North Hall Guided Tours (2:45 & 3:45 p.m.)

Campus Guided Bus Tours (3 & 4 p.m.)

Create Your Own Ice Cream Sundae (3:30-5 p.m., Alumni Hall)

Alpha Sigma Alpha - 40th Anniversary Celebration of Delta Epsilon chapter (6 p.m. , The Hut)

#### Sunday, June 13

Residence Hall checkout, 8-10 a.m.

\* Mansfield Fire Hall is located at 381 S Main St.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for **Alumni Weekend 2010** online!

## ALUMNI CONNECT WITH FUTURE STUDENTS AT ADMISSIONS RECEPTIONS

Mansfield University alumni joined admissions staff at numerous college receptions throughout Pennsylvania to help recruit quality students to Mansfield. These volunteers played a vital role by interacting with the students and their families, sharing memories and spreading the good word on their alma mater.

The Admissions and Alumni Relations staff extend their gratitude to the alumni volunteers who participated in the 2010 regional admissions reception program:

Lewisburg: Carol Himmelreich Brann '60, Nicole Ruth Tobias '03, Brian Ulmer '05, Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04

Sayre: Russell Althouse '04, Bev Wilber Evans '69 '71, Harland Evans '64 '69, Sharon Mokrzynski Kendrick '81

Lancaster: Mindy Miller Rottmund '81, Joline Spencer '08

Harrisburg: Lindsey Musser '10, John Quashnoc '70, Joline Spencer '08, Sharon Thomas '08, Jerry Wood '77 '78, Steve Winnie '99

Scranton: Bridget Irwin '07, Rich Miller '84, Diana Rizzo Petlock '04

Mansfield: Bev Wilber Evans '69 '71, Harland Evans '64 '69

Philadelphia: Jamie Hall '03, Elizabeth McCartney '02

If you would like to learn more about volunteering for Mansfield visit [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu) "Get Involved" or contact Tracey Dukert, assistant director of Alumni Relations, at 888-305-6505 or [tdukert@mansfield.edu](mailto:tdukert@mansfield.edu).



## CONCERT CHOIR 45TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

The Mansfield University Concert Choir will celebrate 45 remarkable years of the ensemble with a weekend of activities scheduled to be held on campus November 5-7, 2010.

For more information, contact MU Director of Choral Activities Peggy Dettwiler at (570)662-4721, [pdettwil@mansfield.edu](mailto:pdettwil@mansfield.edu) or visit her web site at [peggydettwiler.com](http://peggydettwiler.com).

To make sure that your contact information is up-to-date, go to [peggydettwiler.com/concert-choir-reunion-2010/update-your-information/](http://peggydettwiler.com/concert-choir-reunion-2010/update-your-information/)

## FROM THE EDITOR

In our continuing efforts to “go green” and to serve you more efficiently, the Mansfieldian is available online via the MU alumni and friends online community: [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu) or on the University website at [mansfield.edu](http://mansfield.edu).

If you graduated after the year 2000, you will no longer receive a printed copy in the mail unless you notify us to continue sending a printed copy.

Send an email to [mansfieldian@mansfield.edu](mailto:mansfieldian@mansfield.edu).

Terry Day



## FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR

### Online Community

Thank You for your positive response to the recently launched website "[MU Alumni & Friends Online Community](#)" and congratulations to our contest winners: Warren Anderson '00, David Bailey '80, Jane McGinley Bernier '73, David Ekis '01, Fred Gaskins '71, Amy Ball Ide '88, Lianne Lehman Landis '96, Suzanne Yeager Litzenberger '01, Tierney Pomone '09, Mark Shafer '73, Lois Kruger Walters '68, Lisa Wilson Zakowski '92. These alumni were some of the first members to "Get Connected" and take advantage of the "Find Friends" feature – a secure, searchable directory of more than 24,000 alumni. To become a member of the community, locate your personal ID from the mailing label of this edition of the Mansfieldian, go to [alumni.mansfield.edu](#) and click on "first time" login.

As part of our effort to keep you up-to-date on all that is happening at Mansfield, we recently sent the first edition of the monthly e-newsletter – MU Alumni Connections. Be sure we have your current email address so you won't miss an issue!

### Alumni Weekend June 11 & 12

On Friday we've scheduled hands-on training sessions to introduce you to the features of the new website "[MU Alumni & Friends Online Community](#)." Greeks and friends will gather at Chango's Cantina on Friday evening and the Delta Epsilon chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha will celebrate their 40th Anniversary on Saturday evening at The Hut.

The traditional events are back by popular demand: Golf Tournament, LobsterFest, Reunion Luncheon and Ice Cream Social. At Saturday's Reunion lunch we will honor the Class of 1960 (celebrating their Golden Anniversary), retired faculty and administrators and the 2010 Society of Honor Inductees: Elsie Burk Service, Lewis Lee '62; Alumni Citation, Suzanne Fretz McCool '66; Distinguished Educator, Barry Peters '70; Outstanding Young Alum, Christopher Griffiths '93.

### Recent Gatherings

Alumni and friends gathered in [Owego, NY](#) on March 4 to enjoy an evening of food, fun and friendship. Hosted by alumni board member Barry Peters '70, a special prize was awarded to the first couple to register – Frances Brecher Keagle '41 and Roger Keagle '41, music majors who graduated from Mansfield 69 years ago!

Thanks to Donna Congdon Mokrzynski '55 and Don Stanton '53, alumni and friends spent Saturday, March 13 at the beautiful Palm-Aire Country Club in Sarasota, FL. Tammy Walsh, Ed.D. '83 provided interesting remarks about Ringling College of Art and Design where she serves as VP for Student Life and Dean of Students.

Visit the online community for event photos at [alumni.mansfield.edu](#): Communications, Photo Gallery.

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## REGIONAL ALUMNI GET-TOGETHERS

Owego, NY



Seated: Linda Capogrossi LaDue '74, Helen DeHaan '62, Marie Neal King '67, Frances Brecher Keagle '41, Roger Keagle '41, Karen Shriver Harper '65, Mary Kimble Cerutti '55, Mary Ruth Konoposki Begeal '66, Beryl Champlin Schumacher '54, Diana Rizzo Petlock '04.

Standing: Kim Shelton, Jiggs McHale '58, James Meckley '71, Brenda Meckley, Barry Peters '70, Horace King '65, Mike Rohrbach '77, John Harper '65, Gene Cerutti, Joyce Reynard, Dale Reynard '59, Bev Wilber Evans '69 '71, James Brown, Harland Evans '64 '69, Jianfeng Wang.

Visit [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu) for more event pictures.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Annual Biltown Bash (Williamsport, PA), Sat., July 24. Tony Confer '97 has a full day of activities planned including a golf outing at White Deer, an afternoon cruise on the Susquehanna River aboard the Hiawatha Paddlewheel Riverboat and a party at the Cell Block. FMI: [confert@comcast.net](mailto:confert@comcast.net).

Mansfield Day in Eagles Mere, Wednesday, July 28, 11 a.m., Crestmont Inn. Hosted by Marjorie Cole Lee '44 and Ken Lee '48. Reservations required.

Thursday, August 5 is MU Alumni night at the Williamsport Crosscutters. Thanks to our affinity partner, Liberty Mutual Insurance (Jim Dinsmore), we've reserved "Cutter's Cove" picnic deck. 5:45 p.m. Picnic (lots of great doorprizes), 7:05 p.m. Crosscutters vs. Lowell. Bring the family! Anticipated pricing: adults \$10, children \$5. Reservations required.

Check the [alumni website](#) for updates and additional information.

## GET CONNECTED, STAY CONNECTED

The new Mansfield University Alumni Association online community is a place to find classmates and old friends, or to make new ones. A place to stay up-to-date on happenings on campus and alumni events in your area. A place to find out what you can do to help keep Mansfield moving forward, attracting new students and developing tomorrow's leaders, and much, much more.

The new online community offers benefits such as:

- MU alumni, current & retired faculty and staff are invited to become members.
- A special Facebook connect enabling a single sign-on news feed.
- Create & customize your own profile page.
- Search for alumni & friends in the password-protected directory.
- Register & pay for events online.
- Add events to your Outlook calendar.
- Current Mansfield happenings with e-newsletters.
- View the alumni association's photo albums & post your own photos.
- Share & read class notes.
- Participate in discussions via the message board feature.
- Create your own blog & post to others.
- Add campus shots as wallpaper to your computer

For more information and to join the new MU online community, go to [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu)

## MANSFIELDIAN August 2010

### HOMECOMING: October 8-10, 2010

- [Schedule of Events](#)
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### ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS: "Get Connected" with Accepted Students

MU Alumni recently wrote and mailed postcards to incoming MU students. All materials were sent to volunteers so they could prepare personal handwritten messages, and then mail the postcards directly from their homes.

### PHONATHON

MU students know that many of their programs and scholarships wouldn't be possible without the gifts that come from the Mansfield Annual Fund. Twice a year we connect our bright and enthusiastic students with our successful alumni and friends through the phonathon. Thank you for taking the time to speak to a student!



### WHITE LADY

Samantha Lienhard aspires to be an author, so, she decided, what better way to show her appreciation to her scholarship benefactors than to write a story they might enjoy. She was inspired to write about Sarah, the North Hall ghost, after talking with her father Clarence, a professor in Mansfield's Mathematics and Computer Information Science Department.



### ALUMNI WEEKEND 2010

More than 350 alumni, family and friends attended MU Alumni Weekend on June 11-12. Thirty-nine members of the Class of 1960 returned to MU and were recognized, along with retired faculty, administrators and staff, at a luncheon on Saturday. The Class endowed a scholarship fund as its gift to the University.



### FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR

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## HOMEcoming 2010: October 8-10

### Friday October 8

8 a.m. Homecoming Golf Tournament, Corey Creek Golf Club. (8:30 Shotgun start). Proceeds benefit MU Athletic Scholarships. \$100/nonmember, \$85/member of Corey Creek (includes all fees, lunch and beverages).

5:15 p.m. Hall of Fame Reception, North Manser

6 p.m. Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction ceremony, North Dining, Manser.

Reservations required. \$20/person.

Inductees: Michael Drass '88, football, Tony Grego '92, football, Dan Holland '05, football, Brett Longpre '04, basketball

9 p.m. Bonfire, Pep Rally and Fireworks.

### Saturday October 9

10 a.m. Homecoming Parade, Main Street

11 a.m. – Alumni Welcome. Van Norman Stadium. Sign in/register for the door prizes.

11 a.m. Concessions open for lunch and snacks. Proceeds benefit MU athletic scholarships. \$

11 a.m. Women's Alumni Softball Game, Lutes Field

FMI contact Head Coach, Edith Gallagher 570-662-4633 or email [egallagher@mansfield.edu](mailto:egallagher@mansfield.edu)

12:30 p.m. Planetarium Presentation, Grant Science

Join Chemistry & Physics Professor Paul Wendel as he demonstrates the state-of-the-art digital projection system showing "Full Dome" features and astounding star fields. (approx. 50 minutes). Children welcome.

1 p.m. Mounties Sprint Football vs. Univ. of Pennsylvania, Van Norman Field.

12:30 pm. Pre-game introduction of the 2010 MU Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame inductees.

Half-time: Homecoming Queen/King Coronation and performance by The Spirit and The Pride of Pennsylvania Mountie Marching Band. \$

2 p.m. Free MU logo item to first 300 guests! Meet Alumni Relations and Career Center staff, and faculty from Chemistry & Physics and Geography & Geology departments.

2 p.m. Alumni Home Run Hitting Contest and Baseball Game, Shaute Field

FMI: Head Coach Harry Hillson, [hhillson@mansfield.edu](mailto:hhillson@mansfield.edu), 570-662-4457

4-6 p.m. Quarter Mania Paddle Party, Decker Gym. Win brand new items for mere quarters! FMI and to register contact Lindy Hampsher at [lindyh@npacc.net](mailto:lindyh@npacc.net)

7 p.m. Prism Concert, Steadman Auditorium.

FMI: [sachey@mansfield.edu](mailto:sachey@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4710 or visit <http://music.mansfield.edu> \$

8:30 p.m. Dave Matthews Tribute Band, Straughn Auditorium. Tickets \$5 alumni, \$10 general public available at [tix.com](http://tix.com). FMI: <http://mansfield.edu/student-affairs/student-activities/concerts/>



## Homecoming 2010

Message Boards

### Event Description - Homecoming 2010

**Mark your calendar! Homecoming 2010 is scheduled for Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9.**

On October 7, entrepreneur and author Dr. Randal Pinkett will present in Straughn Auditorium at 8 p.m. For more info on Dr. Pinkett, [click here](#).

The annual **Homecoming Golf Tournament** will be held on Friday, October 8 at Corey Creek Golf Club, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit MU athletic scholarships.

Later that evening, join MU Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, coaches, alumni, friends and family at the **Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony**. The event, which begins at 5:15 p.m., costs \$20 and reservations are required. This year's inductees are: Michael Drass '88, Anthony Grego '92, Dan Holland '05 and Brett Longpre '04.



After dinner, join fellow alumni and current students at the **bonfire, pep rally and fireworks**, which are scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. (location TBD).



The **Homecoming parade** will take place on Main Street in Mansfield on Saturday, October 9 beginning at 10 a.m. Check out the parade route by [clicking here](#).

Following the parade, be one of the first 300 guests to stop by the **Alumni Welcome tent** (located just inside the Van Norman Stadium gates) and you will receive a free MU logo item. Be sure to sign in and register for the door prize drawing while there!

**Concessions** will open for lunch and snacks at 11 a.m. inside Van Norman Stadium and proceeds will benefit MU athletic scholarships.

The **Chemistry & Physics** department invites you to join Professor Paul Wendel as he demonstrates the state-of-the-art digital projection system showing "Full Dome" features and astounding star fields in the Grant Science Center Planetarium beginning at 12:30. Children are welcome to attend.

Come out and cheer on the **Mounties sprint football team** as they take on the University of Pennsylvania Quakers in Van Norman Stadium. The game is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

The "**Dave Matthews Tribute Band**" is scheduled to perform live and in concert in Straughn Hall Auditorium. For more information, [click here](#).

[Click here](#) to download a printable version of the **registration form**, which highlights all of the Homecoming 2010 activities and events.



Registration for the Homecoming golf outing and the Athletic Hall of Fame dinner and ceremony has closed.

## GET CONNECTED-STAY CONNECTED

A special welcome to alumni from the departments of Chemistry & Physics and Geography & Geology.

Departmental faculty will host welcome tables at Van Norman Field on Saturday. Meet the professors, learn about current happenings and future plans, and get caught up with former classmates.

FMI: Chemistry & Physics [ramasamy@mansfield.edu](mailto:ramasamy@mansfield.edu)  
Geography & Geology [rdodson@mansfield.edu](mailto:rdodson@mansfield.edu)

## **CLASS OF 2010**

The MU Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame will welcome four new members during Homecoming Weekend, October 8-10.

Michael Drass '88, Anthony Grego '94, Dan Holland '05, and Brett Longpre '04 will be enshrined during ceremonies at Manser Hall on October 8.

The Class of 2010 will also be honored during the Homecoming Parade and at the Mountaineers football game against the University of Pennsylvania on October 9.

## SPRING COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATED

Four hundred and sixteen students received degrees at MU's 145th Commencement on May 8 at Decker Gymnasium.

Before presenting the graduates with diplomas, MU President Maravene Loeschke noted that the class of 2010 was the incoming freshman class when she became president in 2006.

"We sort of figured things out together," she said. "We went to our first Convocation, we walked Cardiac Hill and we went to basketball games. So in many ways this class of 2010 will always be my class."

Loeschke urged the graduates to be "makers of positive change."

"Today's world is severely challenged – you know that – and suffering from any number of ailments," she said. "Try to be the antibody that fights crime, illness, ignorance, poverty and bigotry. Let your body and soul contribute to the wellness of the world."

Stuart Weiss '80, president and owner of Studio City, the largest media marketing agency in the U.S., gave an animated speech that incorporated music and even a little dancing. He told graduates, "I came here today, 3000 miles, for one reason. I need you to know what can happen to a Mansfield graduate. I need you to know what can happen to you."

To see Weiss' full address, go to [youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity](http://youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity).



Andrew Dutko of Cooperstown, PA was named this year's Outstanding Senior. He earned a Bachelor of Music degree, majoring in music education and vocal performance.

Chair Ralph Meyer spoke on behalf of the Council of Trustees, Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04, vice president of the Alumni Association, gave the alumni greeting and William Brown, president represented the Student Government Association.

## GRADUATION CELEBRATION



"Care more than others think is wise, dream more than others think is practical and expect more than others think is possible." This was the advice of Dr. Vincent Lawrence '63 to graduating seniors during Graduation Celebration this spring.

Lawrence spent a long, distinguished career in higher education then went on to become a senior vice president for McGraw-Hill Publishing Company. He returned to MU this spring to serve as interim director of Choral Activities.

"I would urge you all to work on your center of excellence," he added. "You will become the living, breathing stuff of your existence. And more important, you will function as the litmus test for all of your words and all of your actions."

Alumni Association Vice President Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04 welcomed the graduates to the ranks of MU alumni and urged them to stay involved with their alma mater.

The event is made possible by the support of Professors Lee and Kathy Wright '82, The MU Alumni Association, The Office of the Provost, The Association of Pennsylvania State College & University Faculties (AFSCUF), and The American Federation of State, County & Municipal Workers (AFSCME).

## ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS "GET CONNECTED" WITH ACCEPTED STUDENTS

MU Alumni recently wrote and mailed postcards to incoming MU students. All materials were sent to volunteers so they could prepare personal handwritten messages, and then mail the postcards directly from their homes.

The notes congratulated students on being accepted, wished them luck and encouraged them to get involved on campus. Volunteers who assisted with the High School Scholarship Program presented a Mansfield University scholarship certificate to a senior at their local high school's spring awards ceremony or graduation.

The Alumni, Admissions and Financial Planning office staff extend their appreciation to the following alumni volunteers:

**Postcard campaign volunteers:** Amanda Boardl Aikens '03, Russell Althouse '04, Sally Bair '74, Melody Emerson-Basta '99, Randi Turner Belanger '85, Sarah Bianco '09, Marianne Seefeldt Bozzo '69, Amy DuPree Brooks '80, Kimberly Cardone '04, Andrew Carola '53, Lori Cass '94, JoAnn Nesgoda Coleman '78, Kristen Connor '06, Mark Ewing '09, Victor Fields '81, Sarah Fischer '03, Ann Roggenbaum Fitzgerald '93, Brenda Button Freeman '96 '00, Sarah Gingrich '02, Anthony Grego '92, Shelby Derry Holden '01, Shanna Hubbs '08, Dana Peters Huber '01, Meredith Burris Jackson '00, Pamela Pfleegor Kemp '76, Barbara King '78, Angella Hoffman Laubach '03, Suzanna Yeager Litzenberger '01, Deborah Long Mahan '72, Marsha Early Malinich '54, Ann Metarko '02, Richard Miller '84, Cliff Morales '96, Joyce Spahr Moyer '70, Lisa Porto Noto '92, Diana Rizzo Petlock '04, Sharhonda Pointer '96, John Quashnoc '70, James Rouse '82 '93, Barbara Ambers Scholl '98, Pamela Scipioni '01, Robert Shorb '76, Donna Lee Simpson '78 '83, Sara Snitchler '03, Joline Spencer '08, Rebecca Stender '07, Nicole Ruth Tobias '03, Krista Tyner '04, Brian Ulmer '05, Maria Valenzano '02, William Walsh '78, Carol Watson '78, Tracey Bellesfield Werner '95, Steve Winnie '99, Jennifer Codd Zelonis '99.

### **MU scholarship certificate presenters:**

Brian Barden '76 '82, New Covenant Academy  
Kay Barrett '09, Troy H.S.  
Marcia Yordi Bartlett '98 '02 '05, Mansfield H.S.  
Sherri McCallum Blackwell '03, Cowanesque Valley H.S.  
Andrew Carola '53, North Rome Christian School  
Bev Wilber Evans '69 '71, Horseheads H.S.  
Brenda Button Freeman '96 '00, North Penn H.S.  
Timothy Mulroy '03, Red Lion Area Senior H.S.  
Diana Rizzo Petlock '04, Wyalusing Valley H.S.  
Lisa Chipak Spangenberg '81, Mid Valley Secondary Center  
Kathleen Welty Taylor '83, Fairfield Area H.S.  
Jodi Niver Wieder '95, Williamson H.S.

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### **Refer-a-Student**

Do you know an outstanding high school student who is right for MU? Help our Admissions office identify and recruit top students by sending us the names of tomorrow's leaders! Visit [alumni.mansfield.edu/referastudent](http://alumni.mansfield.edu/referastudent) to complete and submit a student referral form.

## PHONATHON

"It is because of donors like you that I was able to financially make it through my four years at Mansfield, and I am humbled that you believed in my success and selected me as a scholarship recipient. Though my time at Mansfield has regretfully come to an end, please know that it was because of your kindness that I was able to become the person that I am today." -Justine T. '10

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As they share how dollars make a visible difference here on campus, student callers love connecting with fellow Mansfieldians. Regardless of their graduation year, it's a great opportunity to talk about what's the same, what's new, and what's planned on MU's campus. Phonathon is also a way for students to talk with alumni and to see the potential for their future. Even in updating alums' employment information students can see where a Mansfield education has opened doors.

Phonathon connected Mansfield students with more than 8,500 alumni and friends, 35% of whom made a gift. If you have any questions about the Phonathon or making a gift, please contact the Mansfield University Foundation via email at [lkmillier@mansfield.edu](mailto:lkmillier@mansfield.edu) or call 570-662-4852.

## WHITE LADY



Samantha Lienhard aspires to be an author, so, she decided, what better way to show her appreciation to her scholarship benefactors than to write a story they might enjoy.

Recipient of the Rod Kelchner President's Scholarship, the sophomore English major dedicated her story to the former Mansfield President and his wife Joan.

She was inspired to write about Sarah, the North Hall ghost, after talking with her father Clarence, a professor in Mansfield's Mathematics and Computer Information Science Department.

"He told me that Mr. Kelchner was always fond of telling the story of Sarah," Lienhard said. "So I looked up the story and found it pretty interesting and then I did research on other ghost stories."

Although she doesn't characterize herself as a Sarah believer, Lienhard enjoyed researching the story and the creativity it allowed her to explore.

"One thing I noticed was that, unlike some ghost stories, Sarah is supposed to be a playful ghost, which is why she is a benevolent character in the story," she said.

'Also, once I started reading about different types of ghosts, her story reminded me of a type of ghost they call 'the white lady,' which is why I titled the story that.'

To read the story [click here](#).



## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2010

More than 350 alumni, family and friends attended Alumni Weekend on June 11-12.

Thirty-nine members of the Class of 1960 returned to MU and were recognized, along with retired faculty, administrators and staff, at a luncheon on Saturday. The Class endowed a scholarship fund as its gift to the University.

"In 2060, the young people who graduated one month ago will return for their 50th reunion," President Maravene Loeschke told the luncheon gathering. "And a few of the reasons that they will is because of your generosity and your role modeling. I promise you that the values you cherish and learned here, and the experiences that you had and are your foundation, are still here."

Also honored at the luncheon were this year's Society of Honors award winners. Suzanne Fretz McCool '66 received the Alumni Citation Award. Lewis Lee '62 was presented with the Elsie Burke Service Award. U.S. Army Major Christopher Griffiths '93 was named this year's Outstanding Young Alumnus. The Distinguished Educator Award was presented to Barry Peters '70.

To see video highlights of the induction ceremony, go online to [youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity](http://youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity).

to read more about this year's Society of Honors inductees, go to [alumni.mansfield.edu/SOH](http://alumni.mansfield.edu/SOH)

The Delta Epsilon chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha received special recognition in honor of 40 years of sisterhood at Mansfield.

The weekend also featured social events, campus tours, sessions on the Alumni & Friends online community, a mixer for alumni of Greek organizations and an alumni golf tournament which serves as a fundraiser for athletic scholarships. The team of Kappa brothers Tyrone Burtner '71, Bill Walsh '78, Tom Browning '75 and Charlie Pypiak '74 took top honors at the tournament.

To see photos from Alumni Weekend, go to [alumni.mansfield.edu/photos](http://alumni.mansfield.edu/photos).

Alumni Weekend 2011 is scheduled for June 10 & 11.





## FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR

### Alumni Weekend

The festivities on June 11 and 12 provided the ideal atmosphere for reminiscing and getting reacquainted.

Thirty-nine members of the Class of 1960 returned to Mansfield and did just that as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary and presented President Loeschke with the generous gift of \$23,500 to fund an endowed scholarship.

To view a photo montage of the weekend, visit [alumni.mansfield.edu/videomontages](http://alumni.mansfield.edu/videomontages).

### Alumni Association Leadership

Congratulations to Jeffrey Howe '04 (Montgomery Village, MD), graduate student, Sharon Mokrzynski Kendrick '81 (Athens, PA) computer technology teacher at Corning Free Academy and Joline Spencer Martin '08 (Narvon, PA) recruiter for Abraxas Youth and Family Services who were named to the Mansfield University Alumni Board of Directors at the June 2010 meeting. Board members John Quashnoc '70, president; Amy DuPree Brooks '80, first vice president; and Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04, second vice president were re-elected as officers. George Beyer '58 was recognized for completing six years of service before retiring from the board. To learn more about the MU Alumni Association and the board, visit [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu), [Alumni Association](#).

### Homecoming

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on campus October 8-10, 2010. See page 1 for more information and the alumni website for all the details. [alumni.mansfield.edu/HC2010](http://alumni.mansfield.edu/HC2010).

### Alumni & Friends Online Community

"Find Friends" can help you to reconnect with college friends. Become a registered member and gain access to all the fun and free features. Locate your personal ID from the mailing label of this Mansfieldian, go to [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu) and click on 'first time' login.

### MU Alumni Connections

Haven't been receiving the our e-newsletter? We probably don't have your email address on file. Visit [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu) and complete the 'Update Information' form under 'Quick Links'. The e-newsletter is a quick read and will keep you up-to-date on what's happening at Mansfield!

### PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program

1-800-506-7447  
[www.alumnivacations.com](http://www.alumnivacations.com)

Pack your suitcase and travel around the world with alumni and friends from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education! Upcoming destinations include Canada & New England, the Panama Canal, and The Nile.

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## NEWS & NOTES

### Employees Honored for Service and Dedication



Adam Brennan, professor of Music and director of Bands, was named Employee of the Year during the 31st annual Mansfield University Service Recognition Program this spring.

To see the names of those recognized, go to [news.mansfield.edu](http://news.mansfield.edu)

### Steve Crawford Named to Council of Trustees

Steve Crawford '81 of Camp Hill, PA has been named to the Mansfield University Council of Trustees.

Crawford is Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell's chief of staff. Previously, he served as the Governor's secretary of Legislative Affairs. He came to the Governor's Office from the House of Representatives where he was part of the executive staff since 1991. He was the executive director of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, leadership executive director to the Majority Caucus Chairman, and senior advisor to the Democratic Caucus.

He also served as deputy secretary of Agriculture under Governor Robert P. Casey. All appointments to the MU Council of Trustees are made by Governor Rendell and approved by the Pennsylvania State Senate.

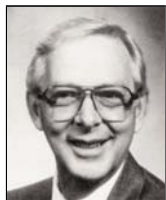


### OLD ALLEN HALL BEING DEMOLISHED

Allen Hall, which has been a part of Mansfield University of Pennsylvania and the Borough of Allen Hall being demolished. Mansfield's history for many years, is coming down.

For more on this story, go to [news.mansfield.edu](http://news.mansfield.edu)

### DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN MARCHING BAND?



Remember Richard N. Talbot, director of the Marching Band, 1967-1991?

To contribute to an endowment in his honor, which will be used to support scholarships for Mansfield's Music students, please call 570-662-4294 for more information.

### 45th Concert Choir Anniversary Celebration

The 45th anniversary celebration of the Mansfield University Concert Choir will be held November 5-7.

A full weekend of events and opportunities to celebrate the ensembles history are planned.

FMI contact MU Director of Choral Activities Peggy Dettwiler at (570)662-4721, [pdettwil@mansfield.edu](mailto:pdettwil@mansfield.edu), or visit her website at [peggydettwiler.com](http://peggydettwiler.com).

To make sure that your contact information is up-to-date, go to [peggydettwiler.com/concert-choir-reunion-2010/update-your-information/](http://peggydettwiler.com/concert-choir-reunion-2010/update-your-information/)

Call 570-662-4294 for more information.

### MU SPORTS

For all the latest Mountaineers sports news, scores and schedule information, check out the new and improved MU Athletics website at [GoMounties.com](http://GoMounties.com)

## ALUMNI CONNECTIONS



Steve McCloskey '91, MU director of Athletic Operations and Sports Information, received the 2010 Bob Kenworthy Good Person Award at the Eastern College Athletic Conference-Sports Information Directors Association (ECAC-SIDA) annual workshop, held at Cape Cod, MA in June. For more on the award, [click here](#).

On hand for the ceremony were several of McCloskey's current and former student assistants and his wife Pam.

Pictured (L-R) are Chris Bosworth, Marci Lippert '03, Steve McCloskey '91, Pam Whipple McCloskey '90, Pat Ross '07 and Jon Holtz '07. Holtz presented the award to his mentor during the awards banquet.



Rebecca Hazen '10 (center front) and her fiance Derek Witucki '12 (back) made a connection with fellow Mansfieldians Sharon Voeste Metzger '78 (left) and Virginia (Ginny) Horst Honafius '74 at the 146th anniversary reenactment of the Battle of New Market, VA.

Hazen's entire family are Civil War reenactors and she said " My mom got a bad sunburn so we went to the 'medic tent'. It turns out that two of the women who were there graduated from Mansfield in the 1970's. Another man there also grew up in nearby Troy, PA. We ended up spending the whole weekend swapping stories of what it was like at Mansfield. I thought it was neat, and such a coincidence, that I ran into two alumni of the school just one week after I graduated, not to mention in the middle of Virginia."

**WHEN YOU CONNECT WITH FELLOW ALUMNI BE SURE TO LET US KNOW.  
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